1754 deaths confirmed so far, families of 851 deceased persons have already been given *ex-gratia* relief. A survey has also been undertaken to identify each affected family and while some families have already been granted the *ex-gratia* amount, this will be completed only after completion of the survey.

Ex-gratia payment is also being made for dead cattle. Upto June'85 such payments have been made in respect of 923 animals, out of 2916 animals that were reported to have died.

A special cell has been set-up under the Bhopal Collectorate to organise relief and rehabilitation and an officer of the rank of Addl. Chief Secretary has been appointed as Relief Commissioner.

632. [*Transferred to 7th August*, 1985.]

Compensation for Bhopal gas victims

633. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the negotiations between the Indian Government's lawyers and the Union Carbide Corporation on an agreement regarding the quantum of compensation offer made by the Union Carbide; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) It is not possible to indicate the progress and the details at this stage as these negotiations are being held under the umbrella and directions of the court, which have to be respected.

Manufacture of Mebendazole

634. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the manufacturers of Mebendazole formulations in the country as on the 30th June, 1985

(b) what are their sales turn over during the last three years; and

(c) whether there are some manufacturers whose prices are approved by Government and if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The names of some leading manufacturers of Mebendazole formulations as on 30th June, 1985 and their trade sales turnnover as available are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Manuf cturer	Sales turnover during the year 1984 (Rs./lakhs)
1.	M/s. Cadila	107.79
2.	M/s. CIPLA	162.24
3.	M/s. Ethnor	41.36
4.	M/s. Biddle Sawyer	12.19

(c) Tre prices for Mebendazole formulations have been fixed for a number of manufacturers under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Sale of Mebex

635. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mebex is a widely used antalmintic drug essentiallly used by poorer section of the society;